

Winston-Salem Dog Trainers Help Prepare Dogs and Owners for Therapy Dog Testing and Certification

8-Lesson Therapy Dog Preparation Program Helps Owners Build the Calm Behavior and Readiness Needed Before Evaluation

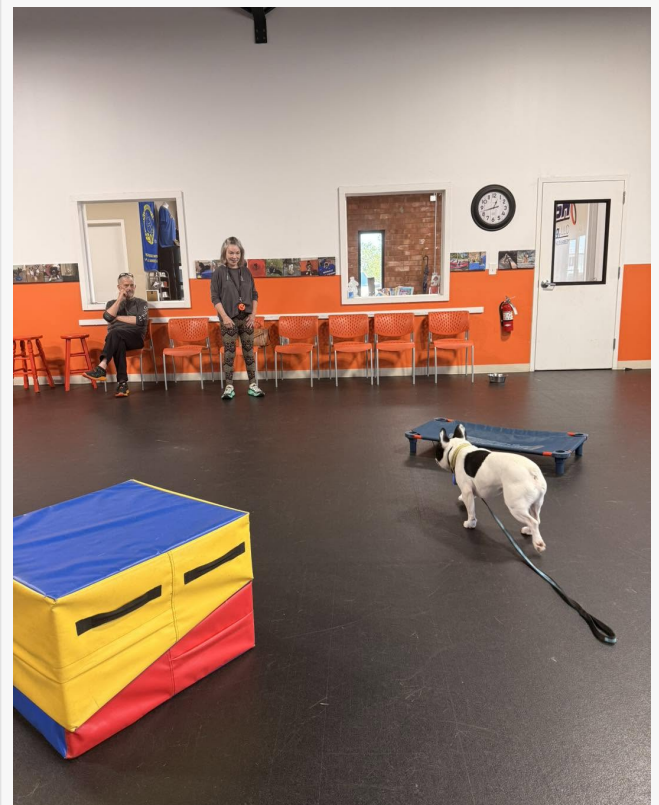
WINSTON-SALEM, NC, UNITED STATES, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Owners who want their dogs to pursue therapy dog certification face a training challenge that goes beyond basic household manners. Therapy dogs are expected to be well-behaved, calm, and friendly while interacting with different people in different environments, making preparation an important step before testing and evaluation.

Winston-Salem Dog Trainers, operating as [Off Leash K9 Training of Winston-Salem](#), offers its [Therapy Dog Preparation program](#) as a structured solution for owners working toward that goal. The program consists of eight private lessons designed to prepare both the dog and owner for therapy dog testing and certification.

Therapy work can place dogs in situations where calm behavior, appropriate interaction, socialization, and dependable obedience are important. The Therapy Dog Preparation program focuses on helping owners prepare their dogs for those expectations rather than representing certification itself.

The program is intended for owners whose goal is to prepare their dogs for therapy dog work. The Winston-Salem training team helps prepare dogs and handlers for the testing process, with training centered on the behavioral foundation needed for dogs that may interact with a variety of people and environments.

Following successful completion of the program, dogs can move forward to evaluation and



A dog practices place training during a structured indoor obedience session in Winston-Salem, NC.

certification through Therapy Pets Unlimited or another testing organization. Completion of the training program should therefore be viewed as preparation for the evaluation process, not a guarantee that every dog will receive certification.

Therapy Dog Preparation is one of several private and specialized training options available through Winston-Salem Dog Trainers. Current programs include Basic Obedience, Basic & Advanced Obedience, Individual Advanced Lessons, Puppy Training Consultation, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Classes, Basic Marker Mastery™, Aggressive Dog Training, [Board & Train programs](#), and an Online Puppy Training Course.

The company serves dog owners throughout Winston-Salem and surrounding communities, including Kernersville, Clemmons, Lewisville, Walkertown, Rural Hall, Wallburg, Jamestown, Lexington, Archdale, Trinity, High Point, Thomasville, Midway, Germanton, Burlington, Bethania, Pfafftown, Greensboro, Oak Ridge, and Stokesdale. Its training facility is located at 1385 South Park Drive in Kernersville, North Carolina.



A calm dog practices a down command during an indoor obedience training session in Winston-Salem, NC.

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Therapy dog preparation involves more than teaching individual commands”

*Rick Roberts, Head Trainer at
Off Leash K9 Training of
Winston-Salem*

Dog owners interested in therapy dog work can contact Winston-Salem Dog Trainers to learn more about the Therapy Dog Preparation program and determine whether the program aligns with their training and certification goals.

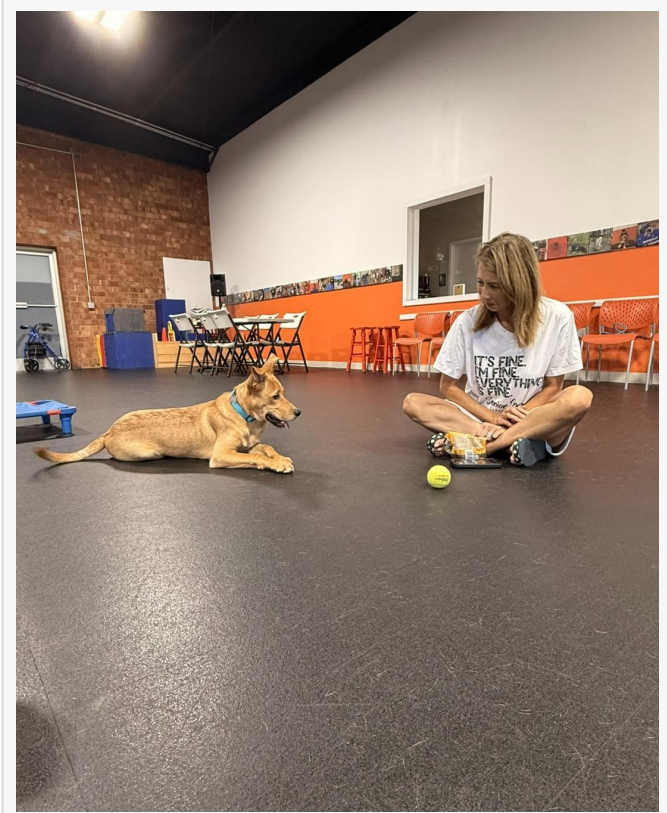
About Winston-Salem Dog Trainers

Winston-Salem Dog Trainers, operating as Off Leash K9 Training of Winston-Salem, provides dog training programs for owners throughout Winston-Salem and surrounding communities. Services include private obedience training, puppy training, Board & Train programs, Therapy Dog Preparation, Basic Marker Mastery™, and Aggressive Dog Training. Programs vary in structure and training focus according to the dog's needs and the owner's training goals.

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A dog practices calm focus with a trainer during an indoor therapy dog training session in Winston-Salem, NC.

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